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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS.

1. THIS MORNING I LEARNED MY JULY 3 APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN AND HIS DEPUTY CHARTCHAI HAS TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK. I GAVE A LUNCH TODAY FOR RTG AMBASSADOR TO THE US ANAND PANYARACHUN, DURING WHICH I DISCUSSED THE INDIAN OCEAN RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS WITH CHARUNPHAN'S SECRETARY, WITAYA WITCHACHIWA. WITAYA TOLD ME THAT THE PROBLEM WAS TRYING TO ARRANGE A TIME WHEN BOTH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS DEPUTY COULD BE PRESENT. I EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH GENERAL KRIANGSAK, WHO SAW THE VALUE IN THESE RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS. I TOLD WITAYA, WHO I AM CERTAIN WILL REPORT TO CHARUNPHAN, THAT THE FLIGHTS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED WITH ACQUIESCENCE OF THE RTG SUPREME COMMAND FOR MANY YEARS, AND WHAT WE WANTED FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS TACIT APPROVAL FOR THEIR CONTINUATION WHICH COULD BE SUPPORTED BY THEM PUBLICLY IF NEED BE.

2. I REGRET THE DELAY IN CONTACTING THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON THIS SUBJECT BUT HEAVY AND DIVERGENT SCHEDULES OF HIM AND HIS DEPUTY HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET WITH THEM. I ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THEIR CONCURRENCE NEXT WEEK.

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